(a) whether the Government have been urging upon various industries to pay more attention to Research and Development for improving technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also propose to take some measures of its own in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, R&D in industry by industry is of recent origin in India ans has been increasing gradually. Currently it is about 20% of the total R&D expenditure in the country. It is also relatively small compared to the turnover of the industry. Government has been urging the industries to enhance their role in the area and increase their commitment to R&D.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Government has been encouraging the promotion and development of technologies in private sector through their own research and development skills.

The schemes initiated by the Government include: According recognition to the in-house Research and Development units in Industry; Presentation of awards of industrial R&D units on their outstanding achievements; Import of equipments and raw materials including pilot plant for research and development, under Open General Licence; Income Tax concessions on expenditure incurred on scientific research and investments made on scientific equipments and capital assets; enhanced accelerated depreciation on the plant and machinery installed.

Telecast of T.V. Serial 'Jai Hanuman'

5699. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIARIYAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast a T.V. serial " Jai Hanuman";

(b) the names of the producers of the serial; and

(c) the time by which the above serial is proposed to be telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Doordarshan has received a T.V. Serial proposal titled "Jai Hanuman" from M/s A.A.A. Films for approval under the new sponsorship scheme. Doordarshan has initiated the examination of the proposals received under the scheme. The question of telecast will arise only if the proposal in approved.

Cold Storages in Karnataka

5700. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages in Karnataka;

(b) whether the number of cold storages in the State is very few; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase the cold storage facilities in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) There are 76 licensed cold storages in Karnataka.